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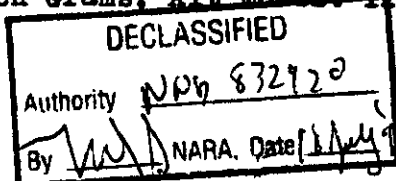
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SUBJECT: **ALLEGED AMERICAN CITIZENS SAID TO BE INTERNED BY SOVIETS**

The German Red Cross has reported that the following statements were made by former internees who have returned from Russian prison camps.

"PETERSEN, given name unknown, USA, MP member, approx. 32-33 years; was seen by informer at jail Berlin-Lichtenberg, March 1952; informer knows that Petersen was sentenced to 25 years, place unknown; as far as informer knows named person served with American MP in Western Berlin. Was lured to Eastern Sector when drunk and arrested.
Reported by Werner Wiesner-see above.

"SPARKS, Sidney Ree, approx. 20 years of age; former occupation soldier, last residing at Bautzen (Soviet Zone), American. Informer saw Sparks at Workuta, mining pit # 3 in October 1953; knows that Sparks had been sentenced to 15 years because of prohibited rides to Western Berlin. Sparks, Sidney Ree was a former member of occupation army in Western Berlin, was in stockade of occupation power from which he fled and requested asylum in Eastern Berlin. Settled down in Bautzen and was sentenced to 15 years because he made forbidden rides to Western Berlin. Reported by Ulrich Grams, Alt Moabit 126 (German Red Cross Home) Berlin NW 40."



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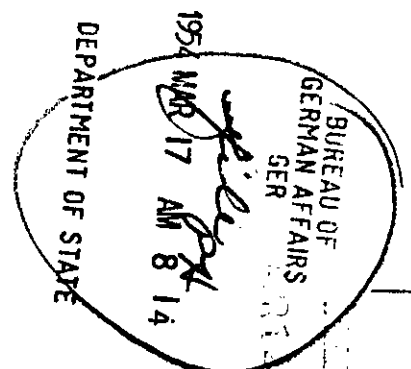
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